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WE ARE RECEIVING A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS FOR VISITS TO SFM IN ORDER TO SEE THE FACILITY WHERE A PEACE CONFERENCE MIGHT BE HELD. AN NBC TEAM IS AT SFM TODAY, NEWSWEEK HAS ASKED TO COME ON JULY 31, AND A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS FROM EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS REQUESTS VISIT AUGUST 2. IN BRIEFING THESE PRESS VISITORS WE INDICATE THAT WE KNOW NO MORE ABOUT THE SITE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS THAN HAS APPEARED IN THE PRESS, BUT THAT WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LET THEM SEE THE SFM FACILITY. HOWEVER, AS PLANNING GOES FORWARD IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR US TO UNDERTAKE IMPROVEMENT OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND SWITCHES IN OFFICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH WILL CLEARLY SIGNAL THAT WE ARE PREPARING FOR A CONFERENCE. REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THESE PRESS VISITS SHOULD BE TURNED OFF OR WHETHER THEY CAN CONTINUE, WITH OUR EXPLAINING THAT

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